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SUBJECT: FRG USE OF VOA-MUNICH LF TRANSMITTER

REFERENCE: BONN 20851; STATE 275368; BONN 18304

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FRG THAT THE USG IS DOING A STUDY OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL RADIO TRANSMITTER REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE USG. ALTHOUGH THE STUDY AS IT NOW STANDS DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY RECOMMENDATION IN REGARD TO THE LF TRANSMITTER AT MUNICH, A DECISION ON THE TRANSMITTER MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE STUDY, ITS PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS, AND THE REACTION OF THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION TO ITS FINDINGS. UNTIL RESULTS OF STUDY ARE MADE PUBLIC, FRG AUTHORITIES SHOULD HOLD STUDY'S EXISTENCE IN CONFIDENCE.
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2. THEREFORE, WE MUST FRANKLY TELL FRG THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO FORMALLY NEGOTIATE POSSIBLE FRG USE OF THE VOA LF TRANSMITTER AT MUNICH. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER LOOKING TO DETERMINATION OF WHAT MIGHT BE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRAN-

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GEMENT. DEPT/USIA SUGGESTS MID-MARCH AS POSSIBLE DATE FOR MEETING AT WHICH MATTERS SUCH AS POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASPECTS,SHARING ARRANGEMENTS,ETC., COULD BE DISCUSSED.
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